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**'CAPTIVES of
the PARALLEL
WORLD!'**

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE
TRIED TO HOLD ME BACK,
ELSA! NOW WE'RE *BOTH*
BEING DRAWN UP TOWARD
THAT WARP IN SPACE!



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FROM THE MYSTERIOUS OLD LADY OF THE WOODS, THE BOY RECEIVED A FANTASTIC GIFT! HE COULD NOW DO ANYTHING HE WANTED, HAVE ANYTHING HE WANTED... EXCEPT THE THING HE WANTED MOST! SMALL WONDER THAT HE WAS...

the RELUCTANT SORCERER



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SPRINGTIME-- AND THROUGH A DENSE, GREEN FOREST STROLLS A LAD, WHEN, SUDDENLY, A FAINT, QUIVERING VOICE SUMMONS HIM...



A LADY!

AND NOT A VERY HEALTHY ONE, I'M AFRAID, BOY! PERHAPS YOU CAN HELP ME!

WITHOUT DELAY, THE BOY CLAMBERS INTO THE BRANCHES...



WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE ALONE, BOY?

OH--ER--LOOKING FOR SOME PEOPLE! HERE-- I'VE GOT YOUR SCARF!

I SEE! AND WHAT'S THIS ABOUT YOUR PARENTS?

THEY WENT OFF IN DAD'S PLANE-- AND NEVER CAME BACK! PEOPLE THINK THEY'RE DEAD-- BUT I DON'T! I THINK I'LL FIND THEM... I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR ALMOST A YEAR!



I SURE WILL HELP YOU-- IF I CAN!

GOOD BOY! A THIEVING CROW STOLE MY SCARF AND DROPPED IT IN THE BRANCHES ABOVE! COULD YOU FETCH IT?



A MOMENT LATER...

NO--I DON'T WANT IT, JUST YET! WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE YOU SEEK?

MY PARENTS! I LOOK FOR THEM ALL THE TIME! MY NAME IS TOMMY MORGAN... I LIVE AT THE ORPHAN-AGE IN REEDSVILLE!



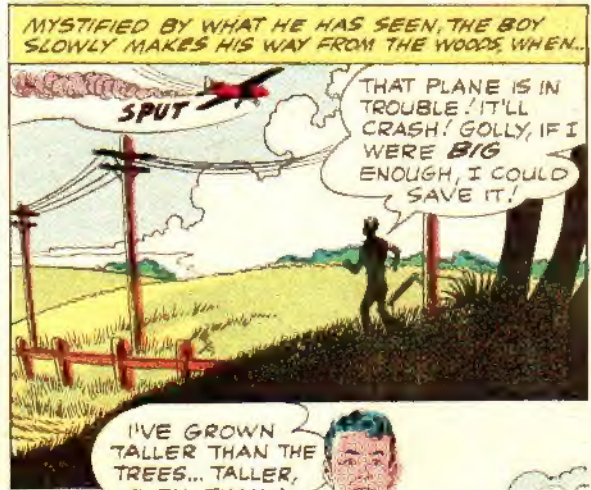
WELL, I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU! I'M-- UH-- GOING FAR AWAY IN A MOMENT... BUT BEFORE I DO, I WANT YOU TO SMELL THE PERFUME ON THAT SCARF!

Y-YES... NOW WHAT?



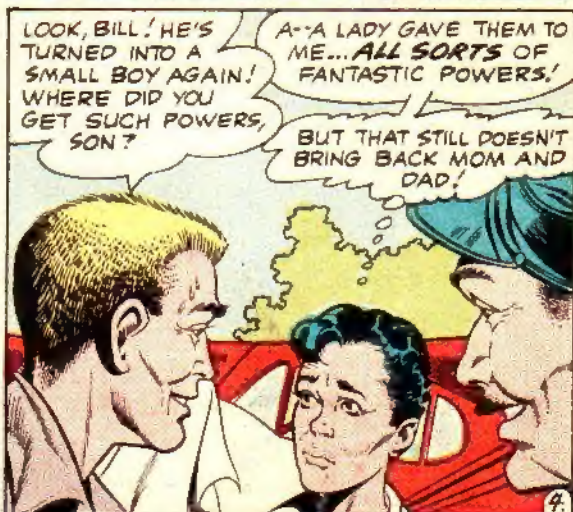
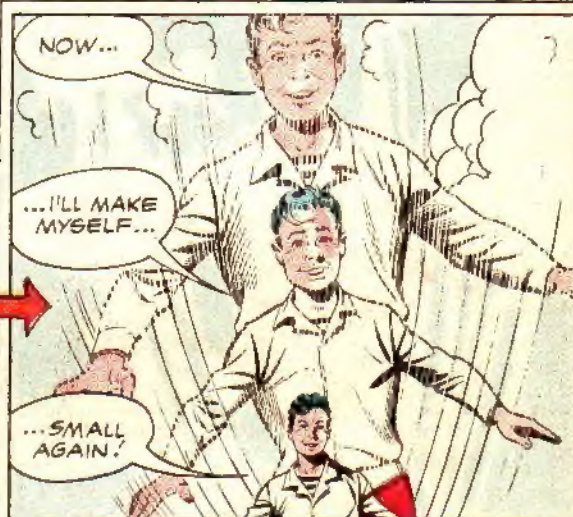


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YOU SAVED OUR LIVES, SON, AND THOSE POWERS OF YOURS WILL MAKE A FRONT-PAGE STORY! SOON AS MY FRIEND AND I GET TO TOWN, WE'RE CALLING THE BIG NEWS-PAPERS! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

TOMMY MORGAN! I'D BETTER GET HOME... IT'S LATE!

NEXT DAY--BEFORE THE BIG CITY PAPERS REACH HIS TOWN, TOMMY AND HIS FRIENDS PLAY BY THE RIVER OUTSIDE THE ORPHANAGE, WHEN...

HONK-HONK

GEE! THEY FORGOT TO CLOSE THE BRIDGE-- AND HERE COMES A TRAIN!

TOO LATE THE ENGINEER SEES THE UNCLOSED SECTION-- BUT, JUST AS THE TRAIN GOES HURTLING OFF...

I CAN GET IT ACROSS... BY MAKING A RAIN-BOW BRIDGE APPEAR! SEE?

HEY! LOOK WHAT TOMMY MORGAN DID!

AND WITH THE TRAIN SAFELY DEPOSITED...

MY BOY, THAT WAS A MARVEL TO SEE! HOW DID YOU--

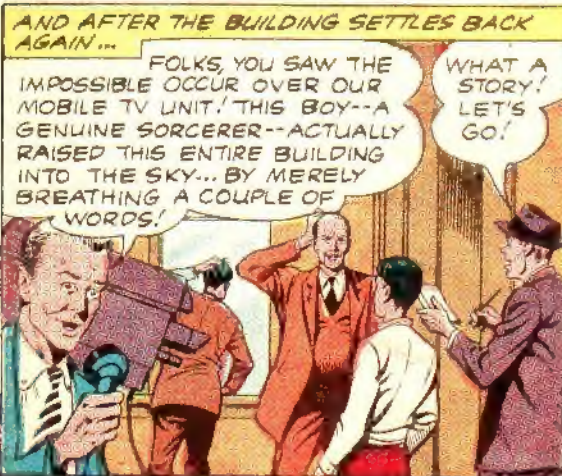
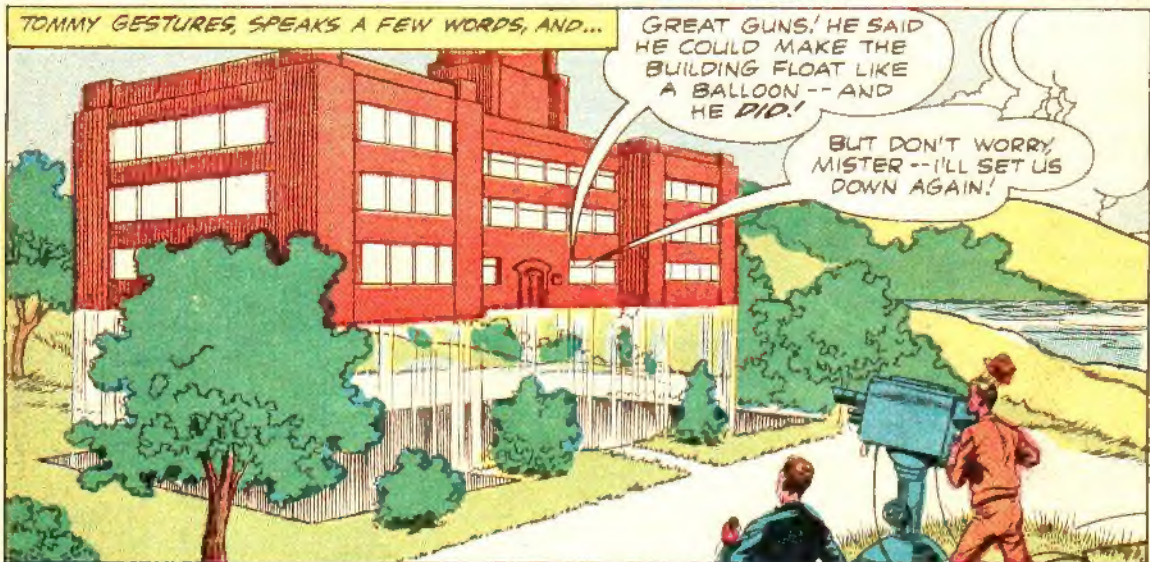
WAIT A MINUTE! YOU KNOW WHO THAT YOUNGSTER IS?... LOOK, I'LL SHOW YOU!

HERE'S A STORY TELLING ALL ABOUT HIM! TOMMY MORGAN-- THE **BOY SORCERER!**

STAR
BOY SORCERER SAVES PILOTS
YOUTH GROWS TO GIGANTIC SIZE-- FETCHES DOOMED PLANE FROM SKY



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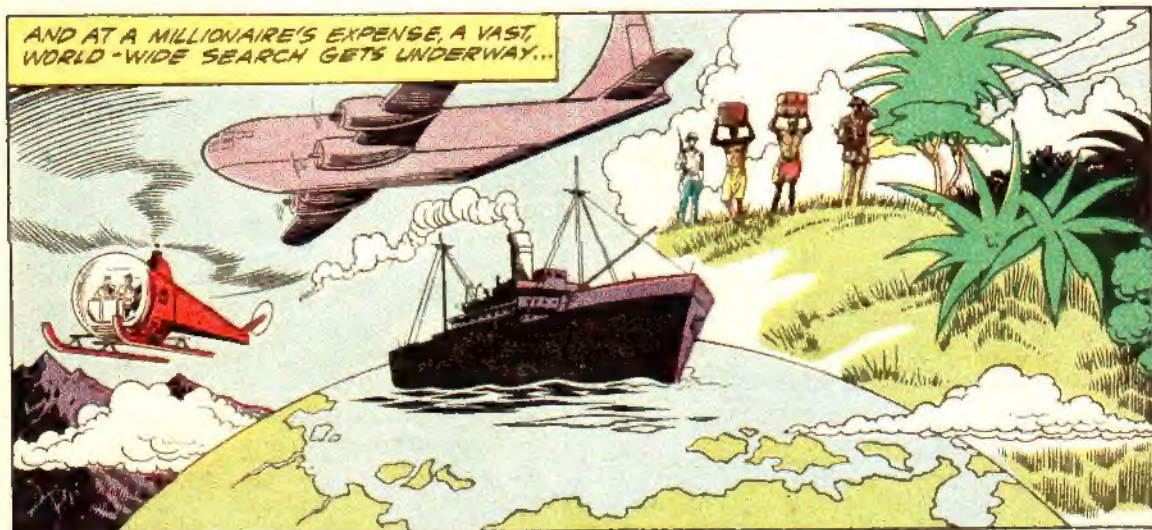




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AND AT A MILLIONAIRE'S EXPENSE, A VAST, WORLD-WIDE SEARCH GETS UNDERWAY...

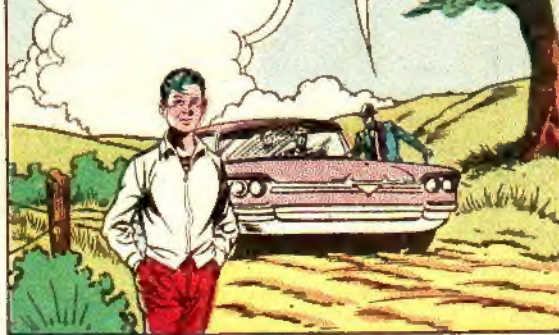


FOUR DAYS LATER...

AT THE ORPHANAGE, THEY SAID YOUNG TOMMY WENT OUT FOR A WALK--"TO SEEK HIS PARENTS!" WELL, THANKS TO MY MONEY, WE'VE FOUND THEM--ALIVE-- BUT STRANDED IN A PERUVIAN VALLEY!

I SEE A BOY UP AHEAD, SIR!

TURN ON THE RADIO--GET SOME MUSIC! I'D LIKE A LITTLE CHEERFUL ATMOSPHERE AS I SWING MY GREATEST BUSINESS DEAL!



TOMMY! I AM MR. DRENN, OF THE DRENN CORPORATION! I HAVE USED MY RESOURCES TO FIND YOUR PARENTS!

YOU HAVE? WHERE ARE THEY? TELL ME!

ONE MOMENT, MY BOY! WOULD YOU--ER--TRADE YOUR GREAT POWERS TO HAVE THEM BACK? IF SO, WE HAVE A DEAL!

OH, I WOULD-- I WOULD! I WOULD GLADLY TRADE MY MAGIC FOR MY PARENTS! I COULD WISH NOTHING BETTER!

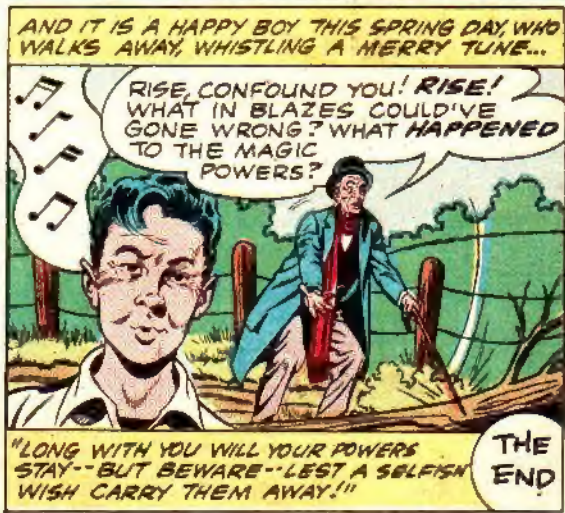
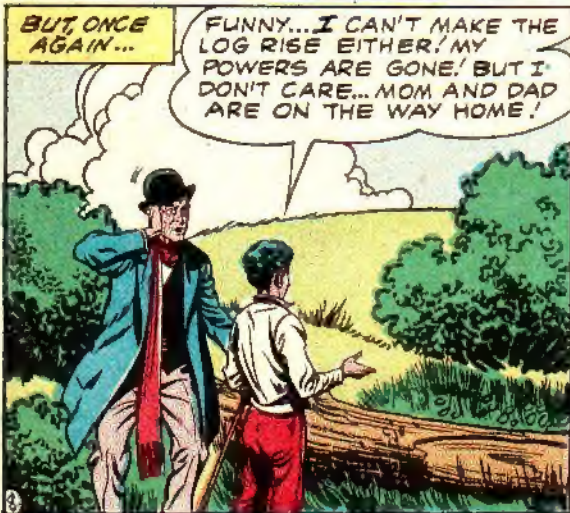
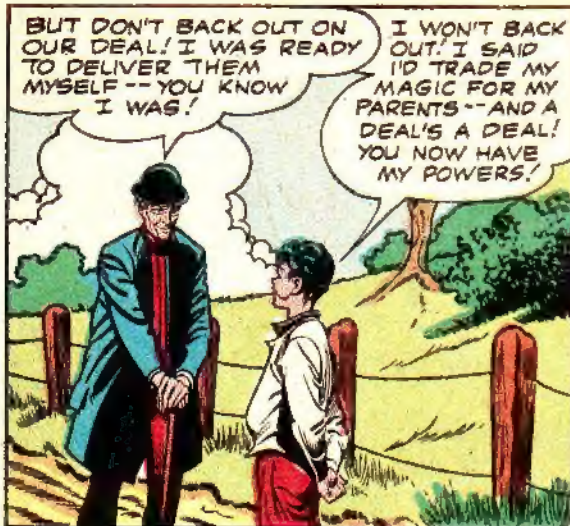
SUDDENLY--FANTASTICALLY--THE MUSIC IN THE CAR IS INTERRUPTED BY A SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN...

IT JUST CAME ACROSS THE WIRES THAT THE LONG-LOST MORGANS, PARENTS OF THE BOY SORCERER, HAVE BEEN FOUND BY NATIVE HUNTERS IN A DEEP PERUVIAN VALLEY! THEY ARE ALIVE AND WELL...

HUH?

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A Message from OTTO The ROBOT!

POOR BOBBY! HE WENT TO VISIT HIS UNCLE BILL'S FACTORY, AND HE'S ALL TIRED OUT!



STRANGE DREAMS FILL BOBBY'S MIND THAT NIGHT...

THIS IS SOME OF THE NEW MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT WE GOT IN, BOBBY!



GOSH, UNCLE BILL, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO HERE IS PUSH BUTTONS!

AND THIS MACHINE KEEPS TRACK OF HOW MUCH GOODS WE HAVE IN STOCK!

I ALSO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH MONEY PEOPLE OWE US, BOSS!



HERE'S OTTO, THE GIANT BRAIN THAT ANSWERS QUESTIONS. DO YOU WANT TO ASK ONE, BOBBY?

I SURE DO! WHY SHOULD I BOTHER GOING TO SCHOOL, IF MACHINES CAN DO ALL THE WORK?



OTTO'S RIGHT! A MACHINE COULD NEVER PAINT A PICTURE, OR MAKE SICK PEOPLE WELL--OR EVEN INVENT SOMEBODY LIKE OTTO THE ROBOT!



DEAR BOBBY,
FIRST, PEOPLE ARE NEEDED WITH TECHNICAL TRAINING TO MAKE THE MACHINES WORK. THEN THERE ARE LOTS OF JOBS MACHINES CAN DO AND YOU'LL NEED SKILL'S TRAINING AND A DIPLOMA TO GET THE GOOD ONES. MAKE SURE YOU DO!
OTTO



AHEAD OF CRUMBLING RUNS FROM A FAR OFF STEAMING JUNGLE WHERE THEY'D
LAIN FOR CENTURES... WHAT POSSIBLE THREAT COULD THEY CONTAIN? THE ANSWER
LAY IN THE STRANGEST MOST DEVASTATING BATTLE EVER FOUGHT, WHEN A MODERN
CITY RECONSTRUCTED...

the FORBIDDEN STONES of ZHATEC





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"ALL BEGAN THE DAY CITY MUSEUM OPENED ITS GREATEST EXHIBIT..."

THE SACRED TEMPLE OF ZHATEC... EVERY SINGLE STONE SHIPPED FROM ITS ORIGINAL SITE IN CENTRAL AMERICA! WHAT AN ATTRACTION! YOU DID A GREAT JOB OF RECONSTRUCTION!

ABNER

THANK YOU, MR. DIRECTOR!

"...I HADN'T RECONSTRUCTED THE TEMPLE EXACTLY, BECAUSE..."



EH?... SCREAMS FROM THE TEMPLE! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

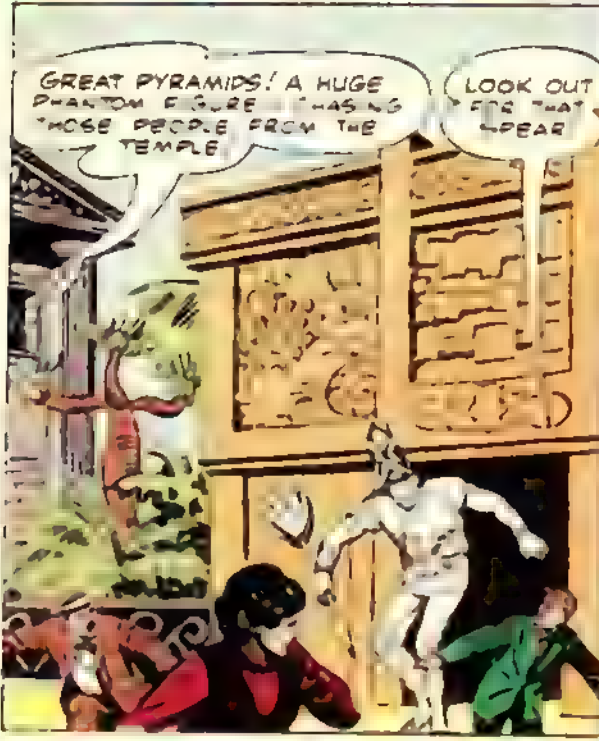
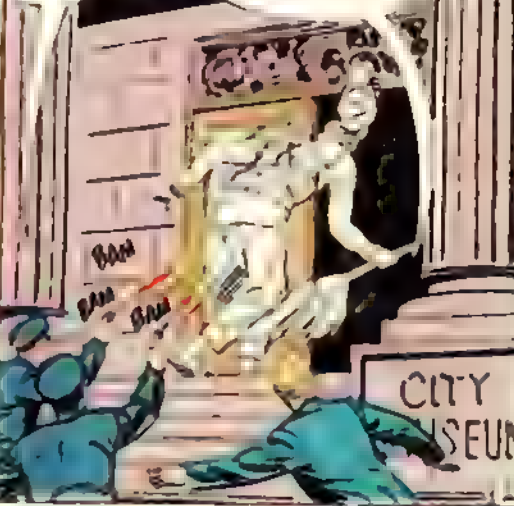


GREAT PYRAMIDS! A HUGE PHANTOM FIGURE CHASING THOSE PEOPLE FROM THE TEMPLE!

LOOK OUT FOR THAT GHOST!

I RACED OUT ONTO THE MUSEUM GROUNDS JUST AS THE GUARDS UNHOLSTERED THEIR PISTOLS, AND...

TO GET TO THE MUSEUM, WE HAD TO FREE OURSELVES AT THE DOORS! HURRY!



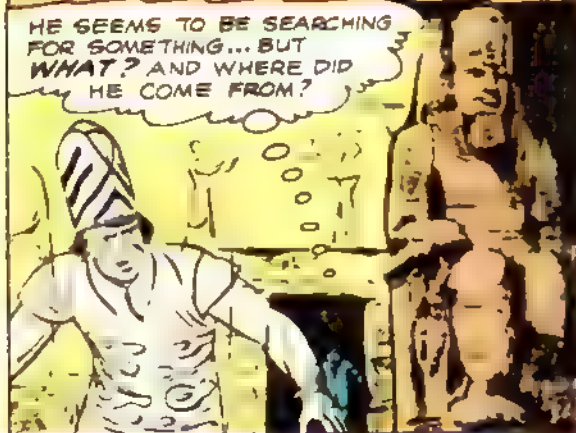


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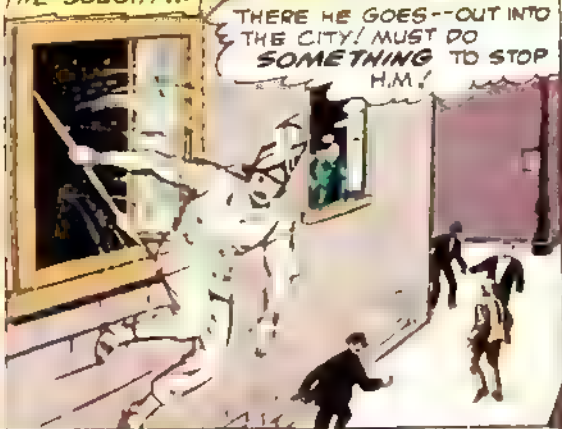
WITH THE PLACE EMPTIED, I ENTERED ALONE...

HE SEEMS TO BE SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING... BUT WHAT? AND WHERE DID HE COME FROM?



APPARENTLY, HE WAS UNABLE TO FIND WHAT HE SOUGHT...

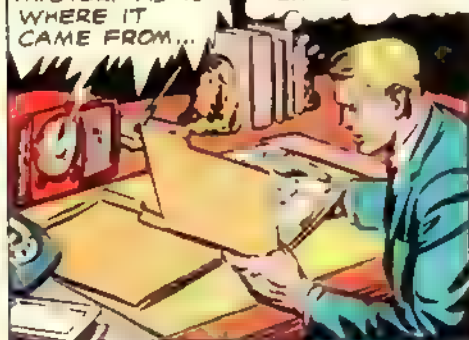
THERE HE GOES--OUT INTO THE CITY! MUST DO SOMETHING TO STOP H.M.!



ALL I COULD THINK OF DOING AT THE MOMENT WAS TO CHECK THE DOCUMENTS, BACK IN MY OFFICE...

STRANGE GIANT FIGURE SEEN ALL OVER THE CITY! COMPLETE MYSTERY AS TO WHERE IT CAME FROM...

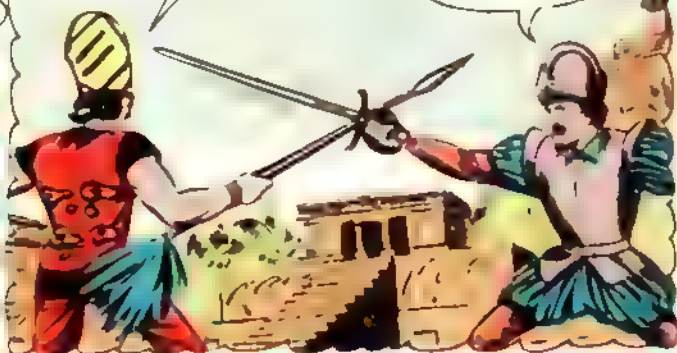
HERE IT IS-- THE OLD MANUSCRIPT THAT CAME WITH THE TEMPLE STONES...



AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, I TRANSLATED THE CURIOUS INDIAN SYMBOLS INTO A TERRIFYING PICTURE OF THE PAST...

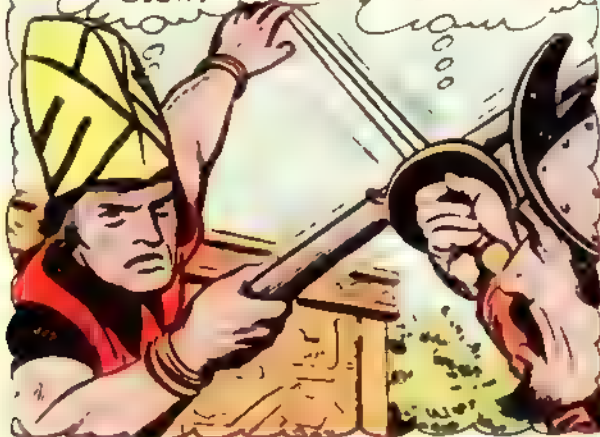
STOP JUAN VALDEZ THE TREASURE OF ZHATEC BELONGS TO ME!

HO, TERQUA--WHEN I HAVE LAID YOU LOW, I WILL SEEK OUT THE TREASURE FOR MYSELF!



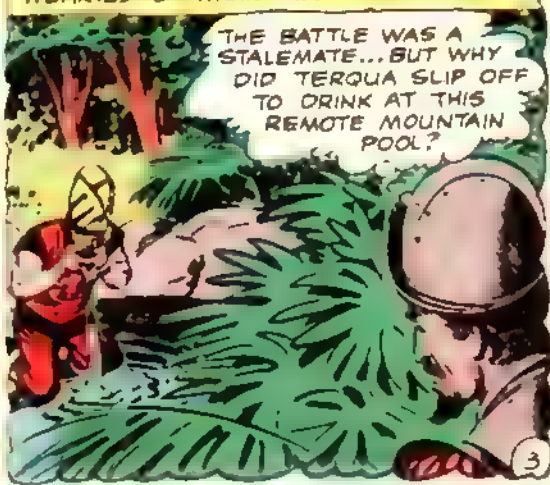
UUUUUUH... HIS SWORD IS TOO MIGHTY FOR ME TO DELIVER A FATAL BLOW!

IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO GET PAST THAT STOUT LANCE!



SOME TIME LATER, WHEN THE TWO HAD WEARIED OF THEIR FUTILE FIGHT...

THE BATTLE WAS A STALEMATE... BUT WHY DID TERQUA SLIP OFF TO DRINK AT THIS REMOTE MOUNTAIN POOL?





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AS THE SPANISH SWORD OF FORTUNE WATCHED IN AWE...

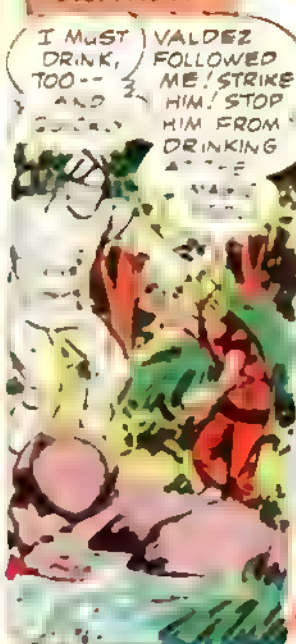
BY MY HELMET, A HUGE PHANTOM OF FEAR RISES FROM HIS BENDING FORM! HE...HE MEANS TO USE IT AGAINST ME!



THE DETERMINED VALDEZ RUSHED TO THE FIGHT AND...

I MUST DRINK, TOO-- AND SOON!

VALDEZ FOLLOWED ME! STRIKE HIM! STOP HIM FROM DRINKING AT THE...



BUT AS THE PHANTOM DOUBT OF THE AZTEC CHIEF CAN LEAD TO ATTACK...

THE AZTEC HAS DRUNK, AND HIS OWN PHANTOM NOW CONTENDS WITH MINE



CREATED BY THEIR ORIGINAL COLLECTORS THE TWO PHANTOM GAMES BATTLED--THROUGH HELPLESS SPANISH AGES...



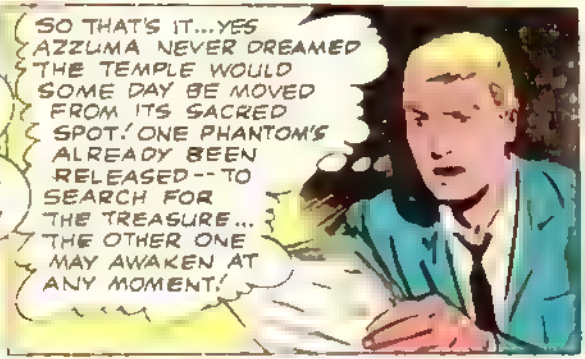
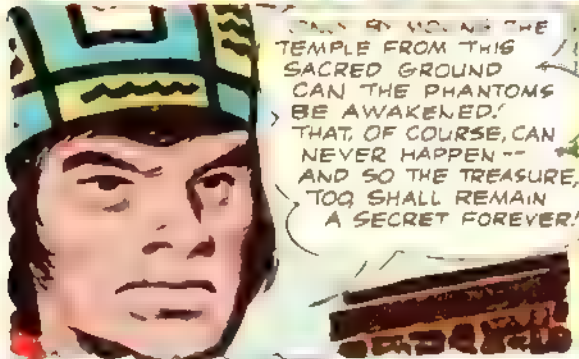
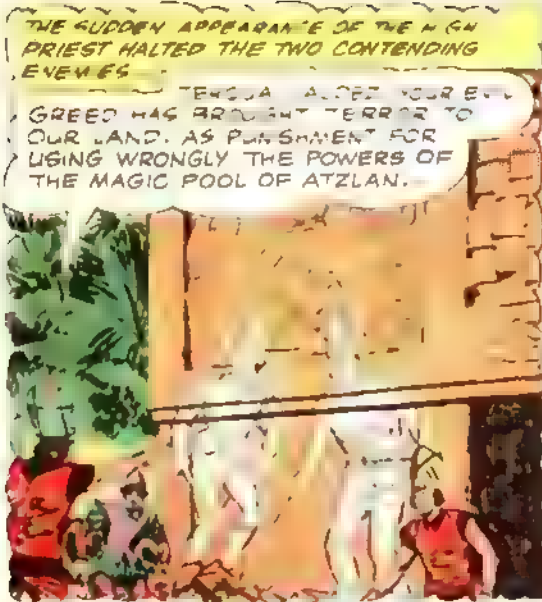
THROUGH THE VALLEYS AND PEAKS, THE TWO SPECTRAL FOES FOUGHT, UNTIL...

CEASE! AZZUMA, THE HIGH PRIEST, COMMAND YOU! YOU SHALL NOT DEFACE A SINGLE SACRED STONE OF ZHATEC!





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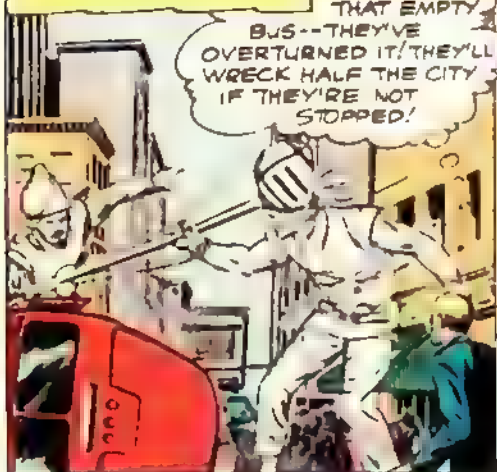


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THE PHANTOM OF JUAN VALDEZ STRODE INTO THE TEENING CITY, WHERE THOSE TWO SPECTRAL ENEMIES WENT FOR EACH OTHER ON SIGHT...

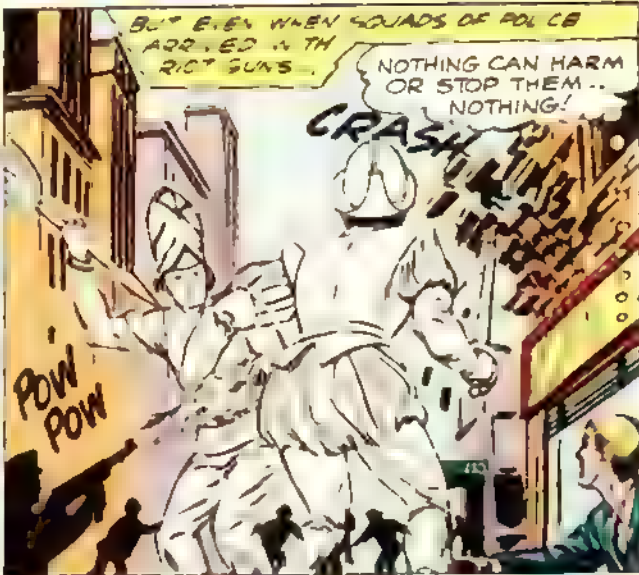
THAT EMPTY BUS--THEY'VE OVERTURNED IT! THEY'LL WRECK HALF THE CITY IF THEY'RE NOT STOPPED!



BUT EVEN WHEN SQUADS OF POLICE ARRIVED WITH RIFLE GUNS...

NOTHING CAN HARM OR STOP THEM... NOTHING!

CRASH!

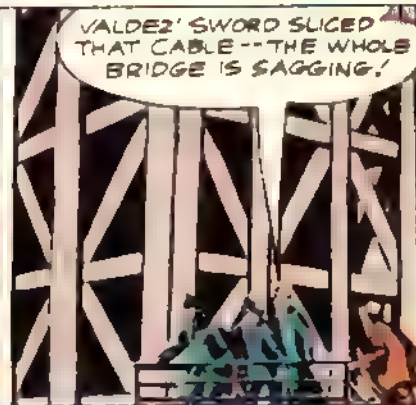


OUT ONTO A NEW SUSPENSION BRIDGE THE TWO BATTLERS STRUGGLED...

THUNNG

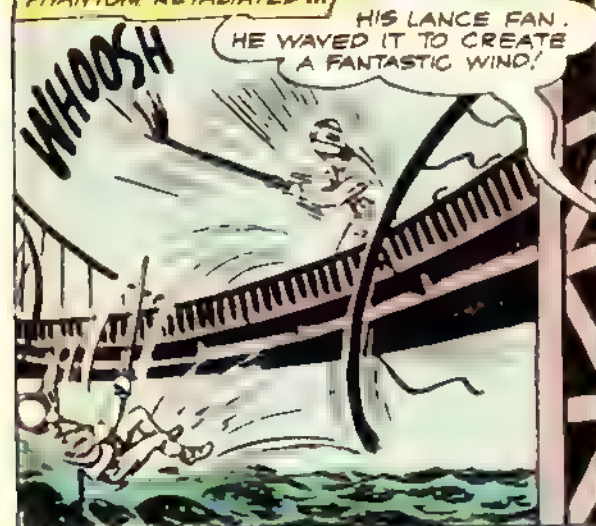


VALDEZ'S SWORD SLICED THAT CABLE--THE WHOLE BRIDGE IS SAGGING!



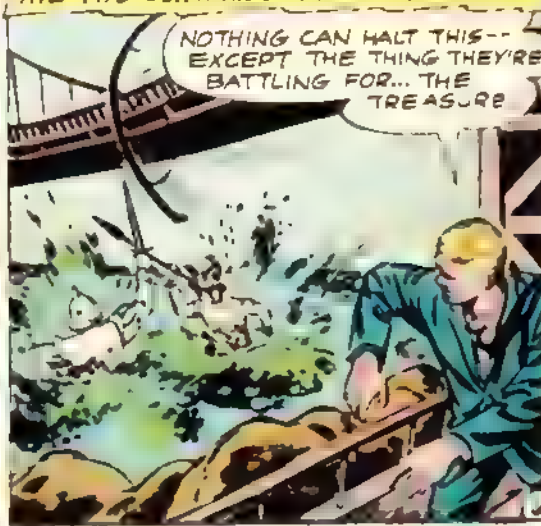
WITH A MIGHTY SWIPE, TERQUA'S GIANT PHANTOM RETALIATED...

HIS LANCE FAN. HE WAVED IT TO CREATE A FANTASTIC WIND!



EVEN INTO THE SEETHING RIVER WATERS, THE TWO CONTINUED THEIR FIGHT...

NOTHING CAN HALT THIS-- EXCEPT THE THING THEY'RE BATTLING FOR... THE TREASURE

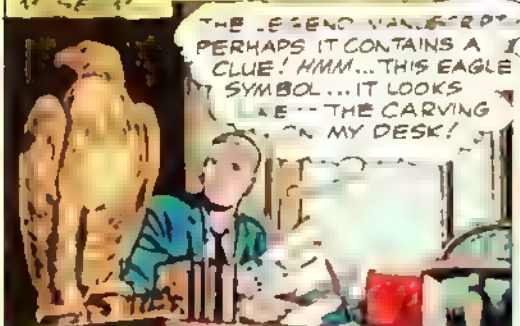




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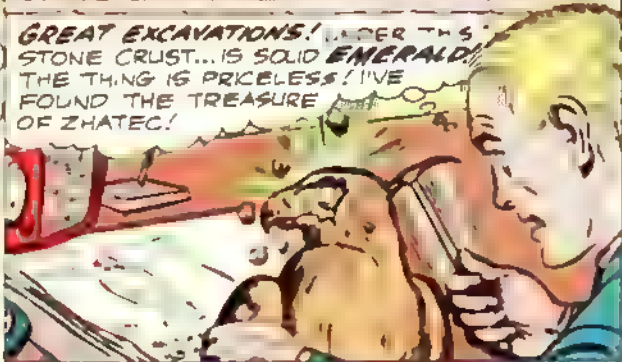


BUT I HADN'T THE SLIGHTEST NOTION OF WHAT OR WHERE THE TREASURE WAS... SO AGAIN, I RACED BACK TO THE MUSEUM.



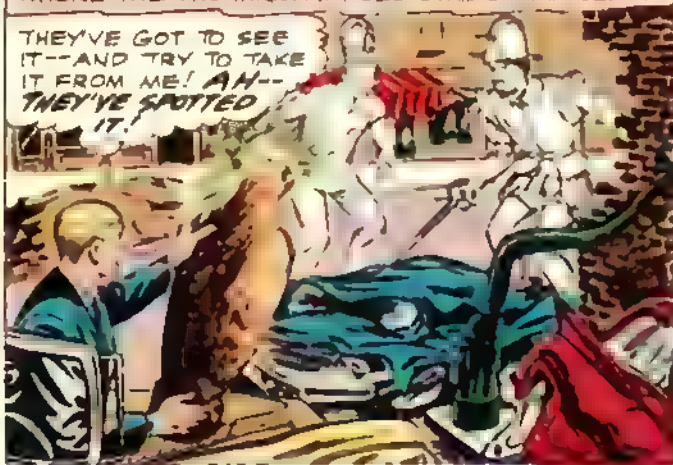
BY A WILD GURCH I HARKED FURIOUSLY AT THE EAGLE STATUETTE WITH A HAMMER, UNTIL...

GREAT EXCAVATIONS! UNDER THIS STONE CRUST... IS SOLID EMERALD! THE THING IS PRICELESS! I'VE FOUND THE TREASURE OF ZHATEC!



CLUTCHING THE STATUETTE, I RACED BY CAR TO WHERE THE TWO MIGHTY FOES STILL STRUGGLED...

THEY'VE GOT TO SEE IT--AND TRY TO TAKE IT FROM ME! AH--THEY'VE SPOTTED IT.



HOLDING THE EAGLE TO LURE THEM, I REVED BACK THROUGH THE STREETS TOWARD THE MUSEUM...

THEY'RE TRYING TO RE-CHASE THE TREASURE IF ONLY I CAN REACH THE TEMPLE BEFORE THEY DO...



I MANAGED TO GET THERE A SCANT MOMENT BEFORE MY GANT PURSUERS...

WHY DID YOU WANT THIS BIG STONE LIFTED, MR. LAKE?

SEE GET BACK! MAKE ROOM FOR THOSE TWO KING-SIZED NIGHTMARES!



SECONDS LATER AS THEY CAME CHARGING IN...

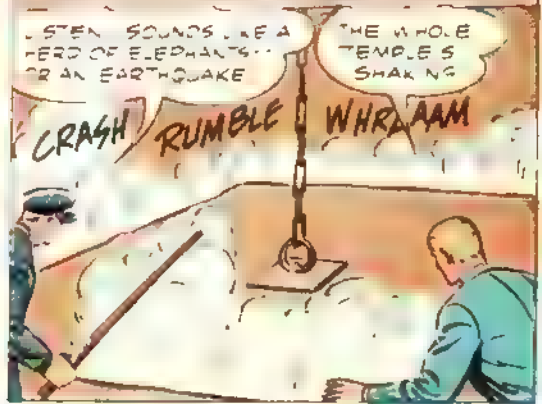
THERE!... THEY SEE ME TOSS THE TREASURE INTO THE VAULT UNDER THE TEMPLE!



LIKE GREEDY GOLIATHS, THE TWO SEEKERS
PLUNGED INTO THE VAULT...



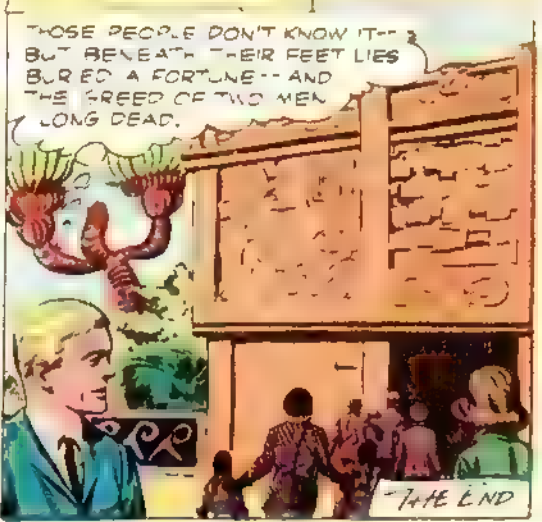
FRANTICALLY HE RETURNED THE MASSIVE
STONE TO THE VAULT OPENING--AND THEN...



BUT GRADUALLY THE TERRIBLE TUNULT BENEATH
THE GREAT STONE SUBSIDED...



SO THE FABULOUS "TREASURE OF ZHATEC"
WAS LOST--GONE AGAIN, AS IT HAD BEEN
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CHALLENGE FOR A COWARD

IN peace and in war, O'Keefe wondered if he was a coward. Stamped indelibly in his brain was the memory of that day at the bank, when he, and several other tellers had been summoned to vie for the chief teller's job. Did he try to win the promotion? No, recalling that his doctor had warned him of taxing himself, he had bowed out of the race. Then, some years later, during a German attack outside Aachen, had he pitched in to defend his company's position? No, emphatically, no! He had scurried for cover in the basement of a bombed out building, huddled there in desperate fright until his buddies had hurled the enemy back.

At the age of 52, O'Keefe knew that if he didn't win his self-respect now, he never would. Once and for all, he had to know if he was a cringing coward—a condition born of hostility towards his father, who had been a bragging adventurer—or merely a man with the natural instincts of self-preservation. That is why he came back to Oberbronn.

Back in 1945, on two weeks' furlough from the army, he had visited the Swiss village, and, lured into becoming the third man of a team of amateur mountain climbers, he'd looked toward the ascent with great misgivings. The 10,000-foot mountain loomed larger than it ever had that morning. Roping himself to his enthusiastic partners, Peter and Karl, they'd started to scale the foothills slowly, under the weight of their 60-pound packs. By four o'clock, they'd decided to make a base camp. Peter had remained behind, while Karl and O'Keefe resumed the climb to probe the area for next day's assault.

But Karl never returned. How O'Keefe had tried to convince Peter and the villagers, later, that he had tried to halt Karl's fall, digging in with crampons and ice-pick, but suddenly the knot on the rope binding the pair had slipped, and Karl had plummeted down a crevasse.

Until he slipped unseen out of Oberbronn two days later, O'Keefe saw only accusing eyes, heard the same prediction: "You could

have saved him, coward! You untied the knot, letting him plunge to his death in order to save yourself. But you shall not escape the mountaineer's curse! Karl will haunt you, and Oberbronn will be your tomb, too!"

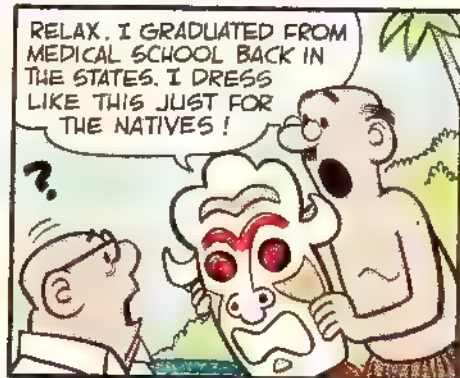
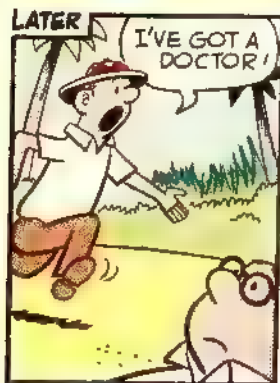
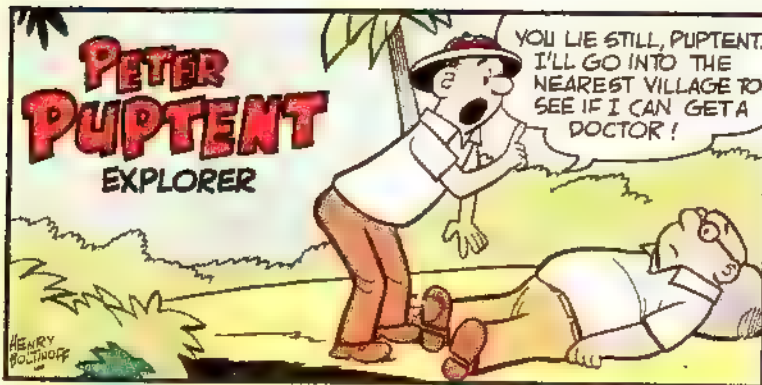
And now, the fugitive had returned to prove himself. But could he? Had Karl's death been due to an act of cowardice? In those fleeting, terrible moments, had he lost his reason and actually been guilty? And now, now that he was back, would their prediction come true? Was he to die in Oberbronn, at the hands of a vengeful Karl?

The years had brought new people to Oberbronn. Here and there, he detected a familiar face, and in staring at him, was it with a look of disdainful recognition? For a long time, he looked up at the mountain glowering formidably down at the village. Would he conquer or be conquered, if Karl let him.

O'Keefe lay in his bed, that night, listening to the moaning wind. Heavy, forbidding clouds erased the stars. Tired and troubled, he fell asleep, but for how long he didn't know, as he awoke with a start. The shutters slammed to and fro at his window. The wind, seeping through the floor boards, had snuffed out the candle. Had Karl been waiting all these years for revenge?

And then he heard them, faintly, at first, then louder . . . louder . . . **LOUDER!** Footsteps, yes, footsteps! He could hear them distinctly in the room, slowly, then *faster* . . . **FASTER!** Wide-eyed with fear, he stared over the edge of his blanket, then in panic, fell back on his bed, burying his tortured head in the pillow. The footsteps were persistent . . . louder and faster. And then with a cry, he bolted upright, for he knew they weren't Karl's but only the sound of his own frightened heartbeats that he had heard!

The morning was bright and cheerful. O'Keefe adjusted his climbing gear and looked up at the white-crested tower. It seemed to him that the mountain wasn't so tall and challenging, after all.



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IN A REMOTE AREA OUT WEST MARK MERLIN LISTENS TO AN ASTONISHING ACCOUNT...

WE HAD THAT ESCAPED CRIMINAL, VIC DUNN, CORNERED AMONG THOSE BOULDERS--AND THEN--THEN HE JUST DISAPPEARED!

MMM AND YOU'RE SURE THERE ARE NO CAVES OR TUNNELS AROUND HERE? .. LET'S COMB THE AREA ONCE MORE, CAPTAIN!



NOT LONG AFTER

HE'S RIGHT, MARK-- THERE ISN'T ANYWHERE DUNN COULD BE HIDING!

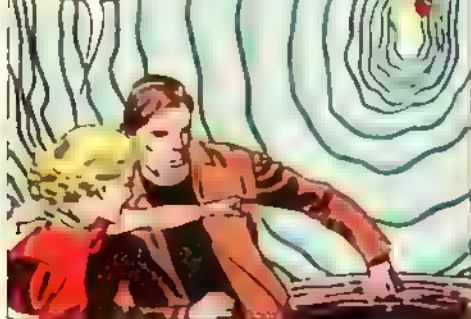
BUT HE COULDN'T JUST VANISH INTO THIN AIR, ELSA! HE **MUST** BE HERE



SUDDENLY...

MARK! BEHIND YOU--A--WARP--OPENING IN SPACE!

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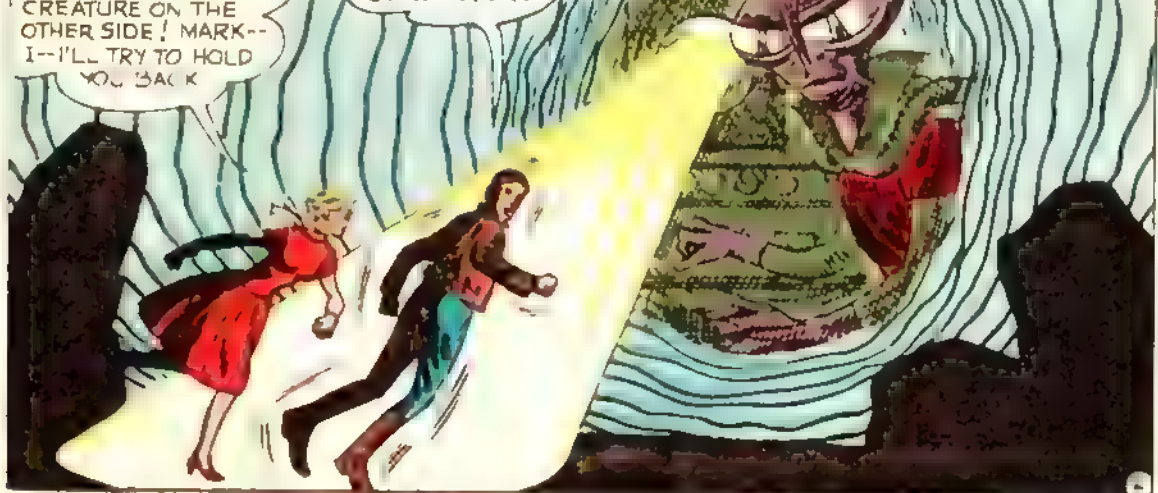


A--A BEAM-- AND IT'S DRAWING ME IN, ELSA,



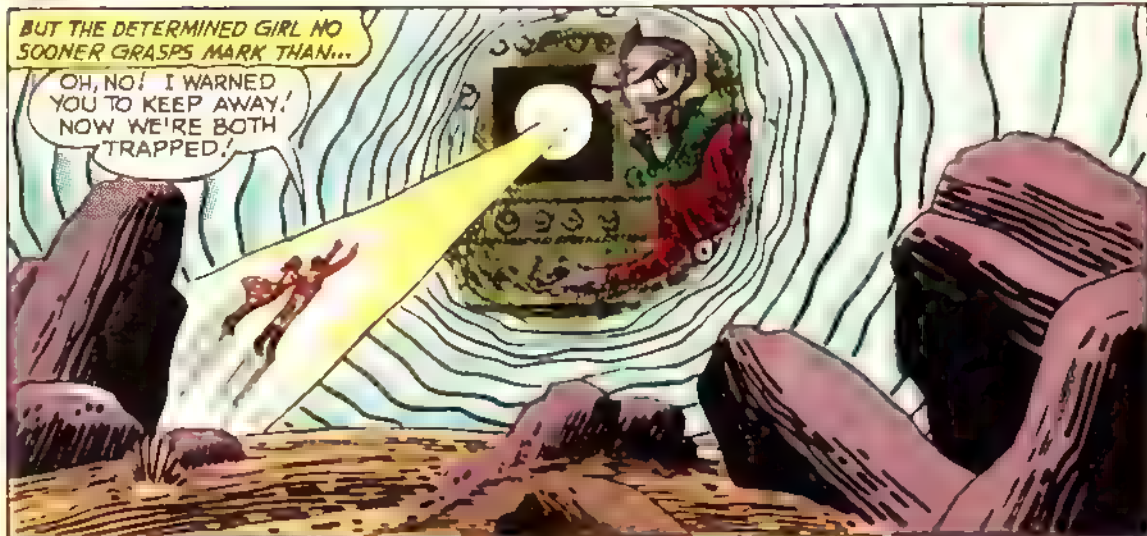
GRACIOUS! TH--THERE'S A STRANGE, HUGE CREATURE ON THE OTHER SIDE! MARK-- I--I'LL TRY TO HOLD YOU BACK

NO, NO--ELSA-- **STAY BACK!**



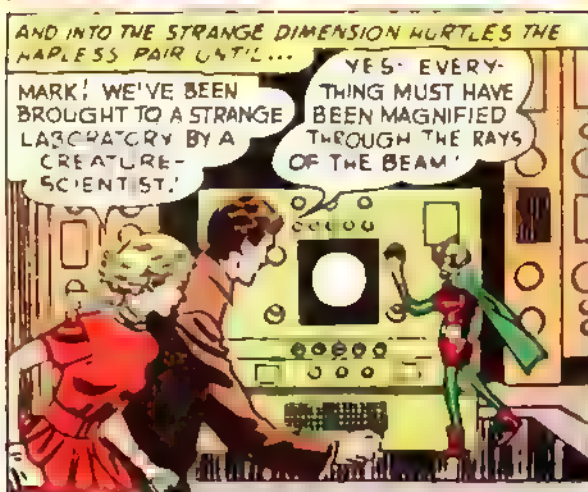


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BUT THE DETERMINED GIRL NO SOONER GRASPS MARK THAN...

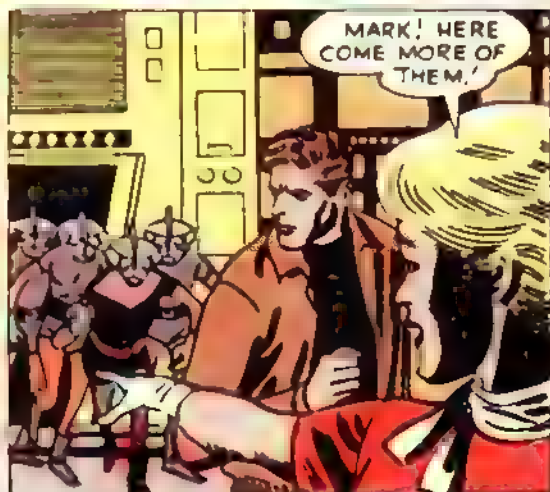
OH, NO! I WARNED YOU TO KEEP AWAY! NOW WE'RE BOTH TRAPPED!



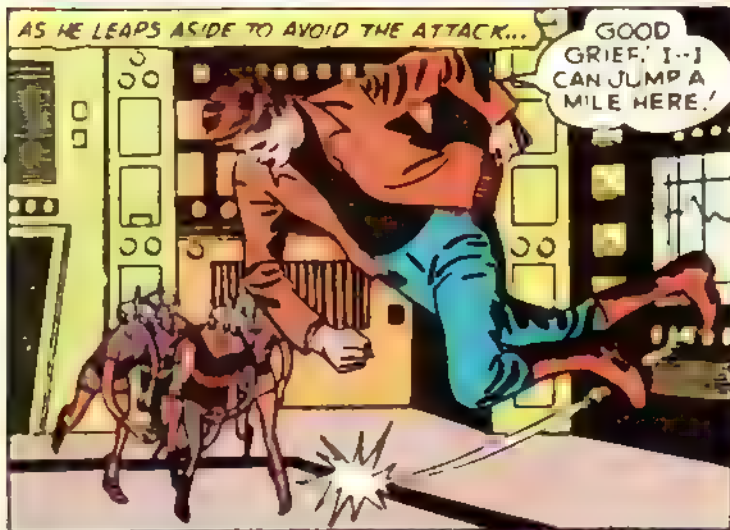
AND INTO THE STRANGE DIMENSION HURTLES THE hapless pair UNTIL...

MARK! WE'VE BEEN BROUGHT TO A STRANGE LABORATORY BY A CREATURE-SCIENTIST!

YES! EVERY-THING MUST HAVE BEEN MAGNIFIED THROUGH THE RAYS OF THE BEAM!

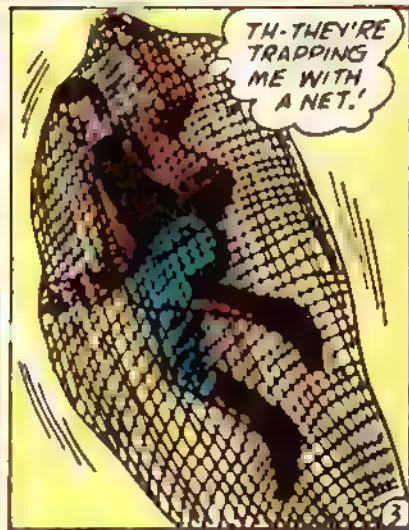


MARK! HERE COME MORE OF THEM!



AS HE LEAPS ASIDE TO AVOID THE ATTACK...

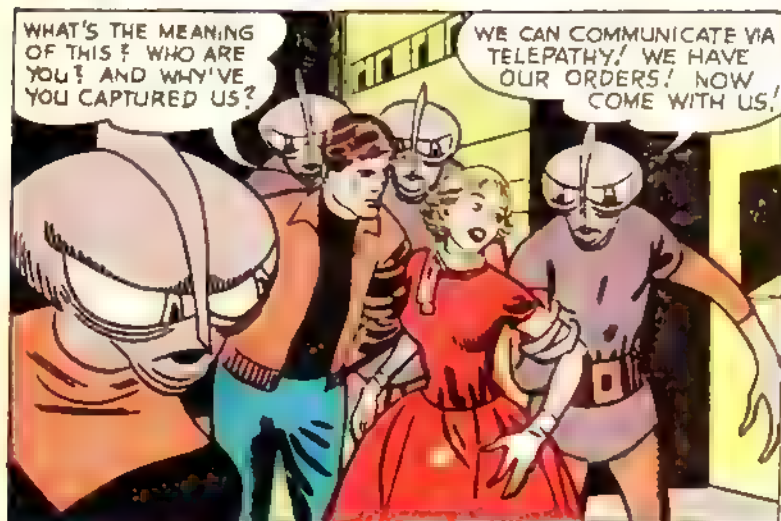
GOOD GRIEF! I-I CAN JUMP A MILE HERE!



TH-THEY'RE TRAPPING ME WITH A NET!



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WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? WHO ARE YOU? AND WHY'VE YOU CAPTURED US?

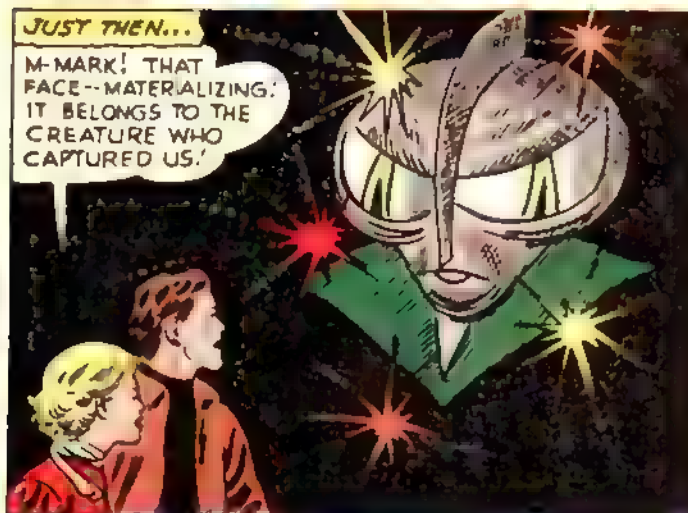
WE CAN COMMUNICATE VIA TELEPATHY! WE HAVE OUR ORDERS! NOW COME WITH US!



MOMENTS LATER...

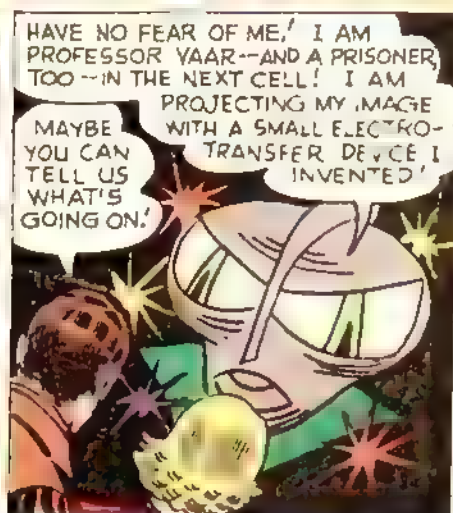
WHY HAVE THEY LOCKED US IN THIS CELL? WHY, MARK, WHY?

STEADY, ELSA!



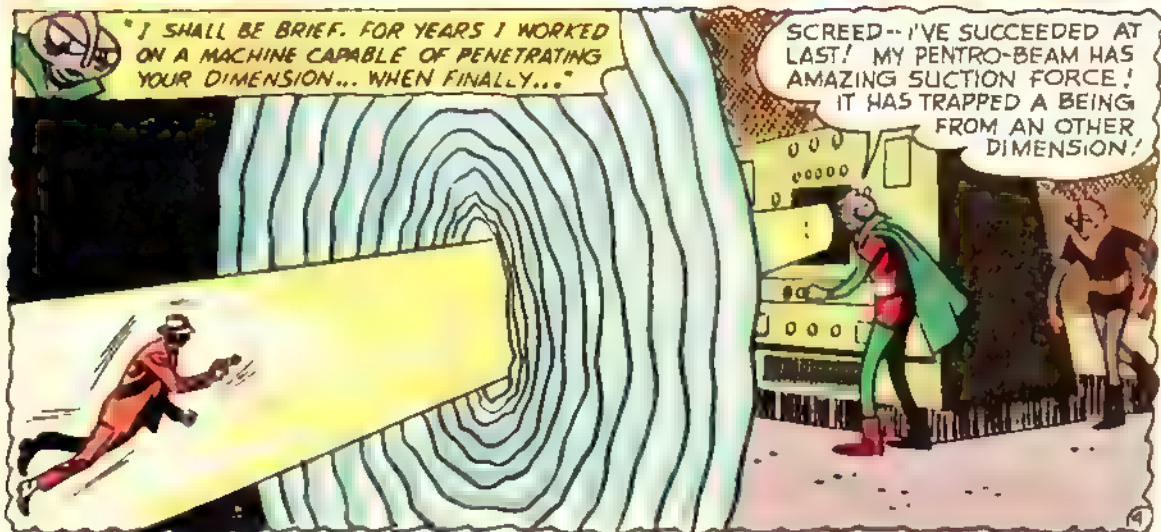
JUST THEN...

M-MARK! THAT FACE--MATERIALIZING! IT BELONGS TO THE CREATURE WHO CAPTURED US!



HAVE NO FEAR OF ME! I AM PROFESSOR VAAR--AND A PRISONER, TOO--IN THE NEXT CELL! I AM PROJECTING MY IMAGE WITH A SMALL ELECTRO-TRANSFER DEVICE I INVENTED!

MAYBE YOU CAN TELL US WHAT'S GOING ON!

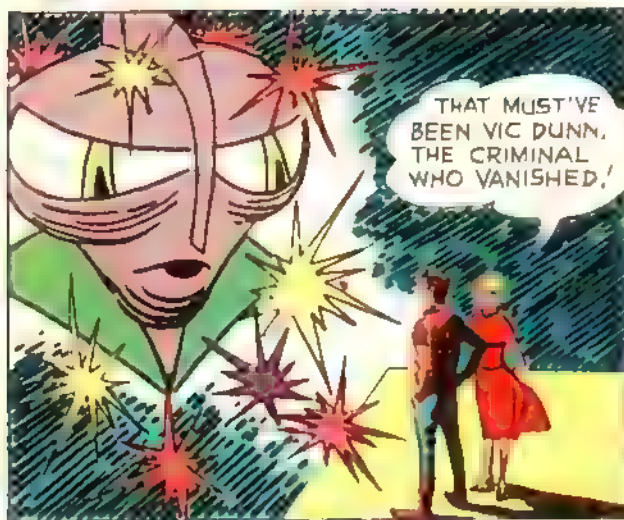


"I SHALL BE BRIEF. FOR YEARS I WORKED ON A MACHINE CAPABLE OF PENETRATING YOUR DIMENSION... WHEN FINALLY..."

SCREED--I'VE SUCCEEDED AT LAST! MY PENTRO-BEAM HAS AMAZING SUCTION FORCE! IT HAS TRAPPED A BEING FROM AN OTHER DIMENSION!



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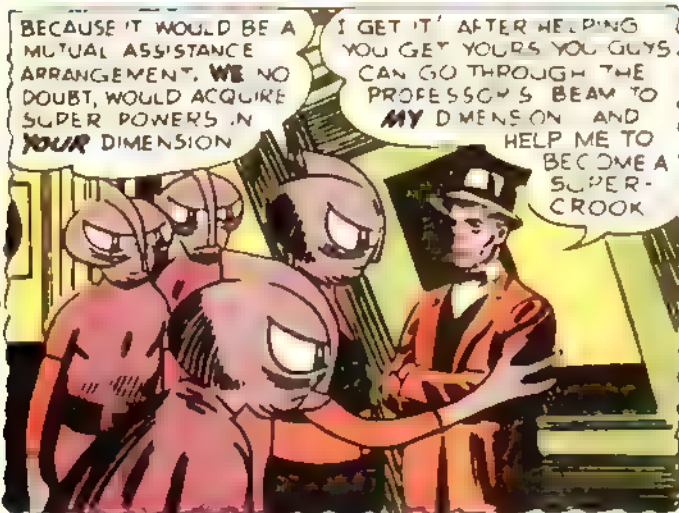
THAT MUST'VE BEEN VIC DUNN, THE CRIMINAL WHO VANISHED!



"YES... AND IT DID NOT TAKE MY GREEDY ASSISTANT, SCREED, LONG TO FIND THAT OUT!"...

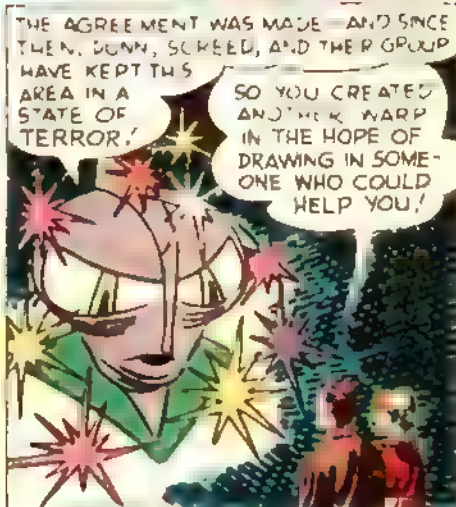
LISTEN DUNN-- WITH THE SUPER POWERS YOU HAVE IN OUR DIMENSION-- AND YOUR LETHAL WEAPON-- YOU CAN HELP ME TAKE OVER THIS ENTIRE AREA

YEAH, MAYBE I COULD-- BUT WHY SHOULD I?



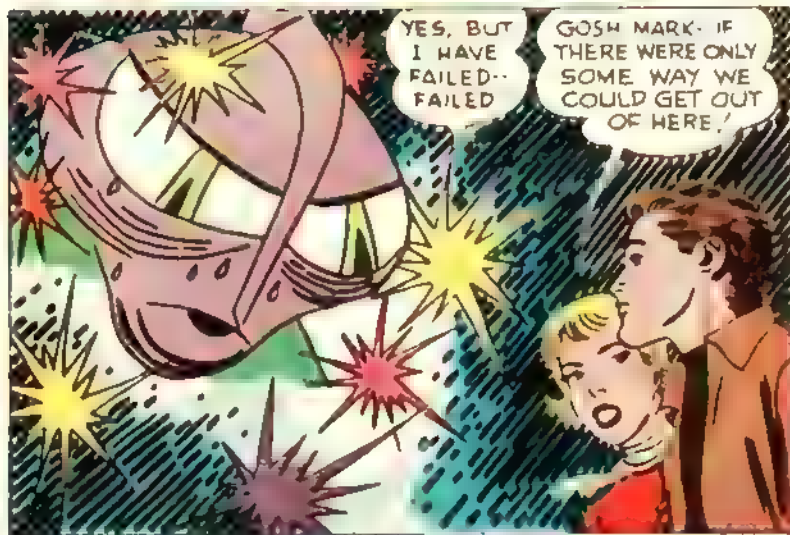
BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENT. WE NO DOUBT, WOULD ACQUIRE SUPER POWERS IN YOUR DIMENSION

I GET IT! AFTER HELPING YOU GET YOURS YOU GUYS CAN GO THROUGH THE PROFESSOR'S BEAM TO MY DIMENSION AND HELP ME TO BECOME A SUPER-CROOK



THE AGREEMENT WAS MADE-- AND SINCE THEN, DUNN, SCREED, AND THEIR GROUP HAVE KEPT THIS AREA IN A STATE OF TERROR!

SO YOU CREATED ANOTHER WARP IN THE HOPE OF DRAWING IN SOMEONE WHO COULD HELP YOU!



YES, BUT I HAVE FAILED-- FAILED

GOSH MARK-- IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY WE COULD GET OUT OF HERE!



IN TEARFUL DESPAIR, YAAR'S IMAGE DISAPPEARS...

THERE MAY BE A WAY OUT, ELSA-- THROUGH THAT VENTILATOR

BUT HOW CAN WE REACH IT?



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YOU FORGOT OUR JUMPING ABILITY IN THIS DIMENSION! COME ON E.S.A.!



THEN, AFTER CRAWLING THROUGH THE DUCT TO THE ADJOINING CELL

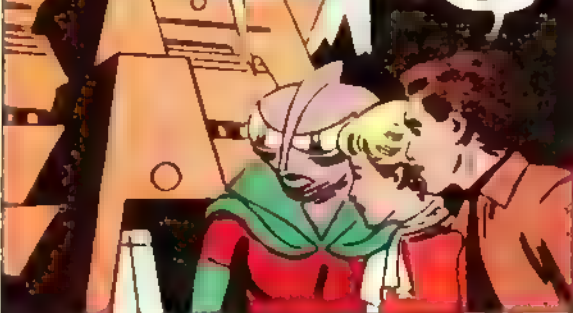


HOLD TIGHT, PROFESSOR! WE'LL HAVE YOU OUT OF HERE IN A JIFFY

SOON...

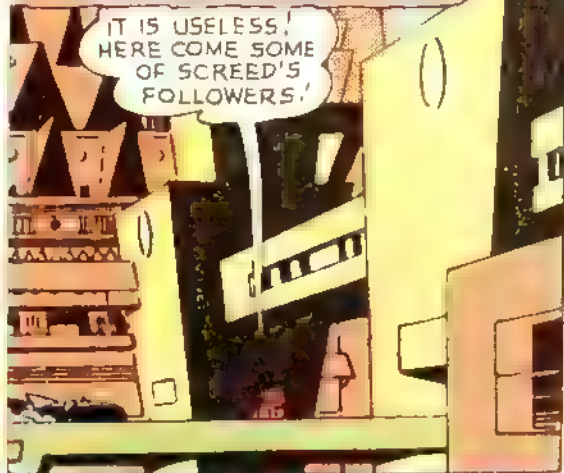
WE ARE FREE BUT WHAT CAN WE DO? THIS ENTIRE AREA IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF SCREED AND DUNN!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA, PROFESSOR, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOUR LAB TO PUT IT INTO ACTION! LET'S GO!



BUT NO SOONER DO THEY START THAN...

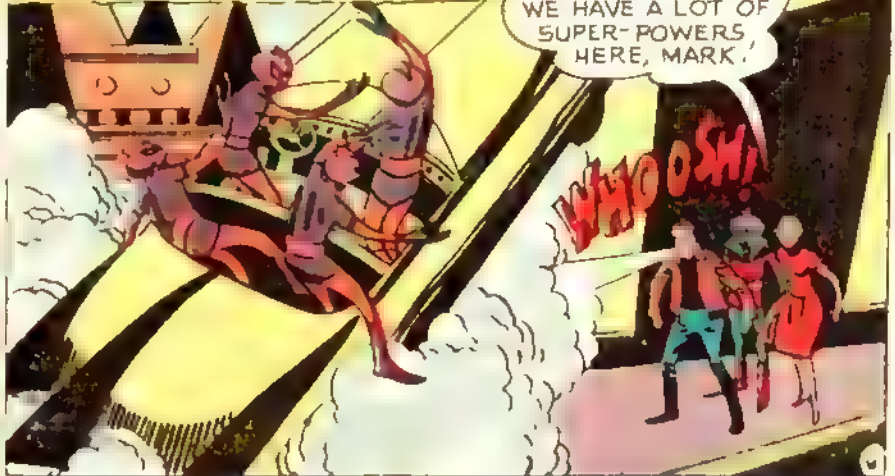
IT IS USELESS! HERE COME SOME OF SCREED'S FOLLOWERS!



JUST A MINUTE, PROFESSOR! YOU SAID, SCREED MENTIONED DUNN'S **SUPER-POWERS!** HE COULDN'T ONLY HAVE MEANT HIS ABILITY TO LEAP HIGH! LET'S SEE...



TAKING A DEEP BREATH, MARK EXHALES...



YOU WERE RIGHT. WE HAVE A LOT OF SUPER-POWERS HERE, MARK!

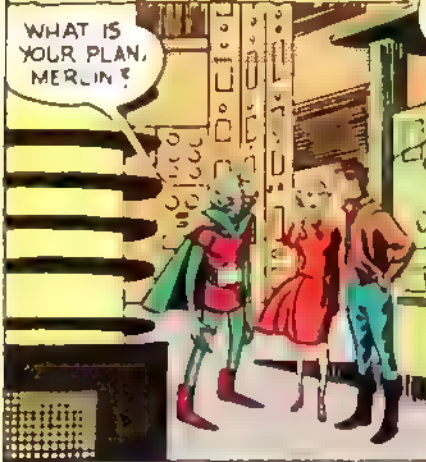
WHOOSH!



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WITHOUT A MOMENT'S LOSS OF TIME, THE TRIO REACHES THE LAB, WHERE...

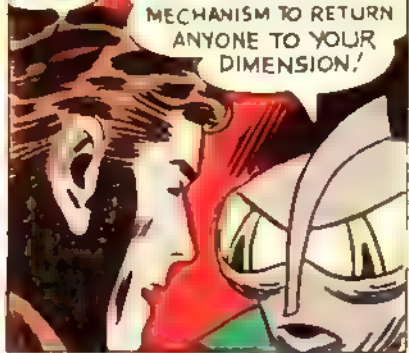


WHAT IS YOUR PLAN, MERLIN?

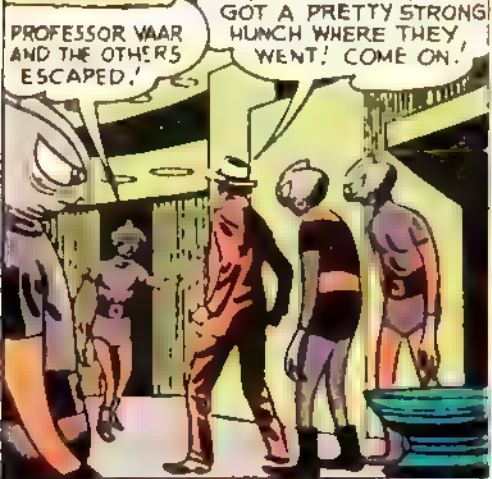
THIS YOU WILL SEND US BACK TO OUR OWN DIMENSION ON AT ONCE-- WHERE I WILL SUMMON LAWMEN WITH MANY WEAPONS LIKE DUNN'S

THEN, WHEN YOU BRING US BACK, WE'LL NOT ONLY CAPTURE OUR OWN CRIMINAL--BUT HELP YOU PUT SCREED BEHIND BARS.

BUT THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE! I HAVE NOT YET PERFECTED THE REVERSE MECHANISM TO RETURN ANYONE TO YOUR DIMENSION!



MEANWHILE...



PROFESSOR VAAR AND THE OTHERS ESCAPED!

OH, YEAH? WELL, I'VE GOT A PRETTY STRONG HUNCH WHERE THEY WENT! COME ON!

NOT LONG AFTER, AS THE HARRIED SCIENTIST WORKS DESPERATELY TO COMPLETE HIS DEVICE...



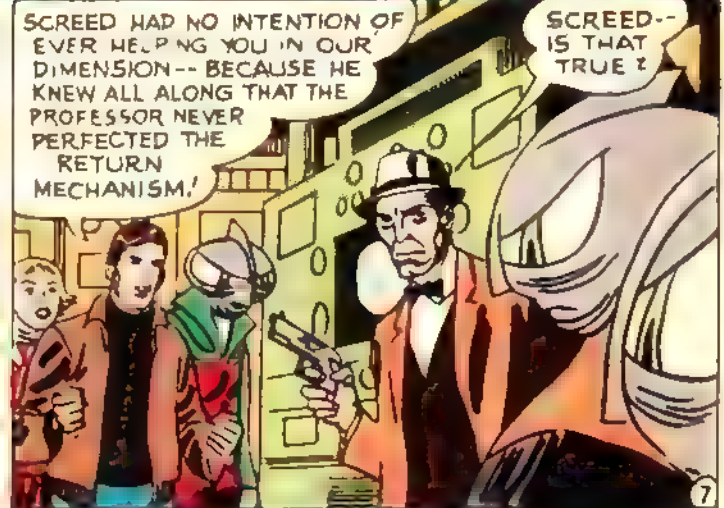
MARK--WE'RE TOO LATE! THEY'RE HERE!

RIGHT! AND NO TRICKS ALL OF YOU! REMEMBER-- I'VE GOT THE SAME POWERS AS YOU--AND A GUN BESIDES!



DUNN! YOU'RE A FOOL! DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT SCREED AND HIS PALS ARE DOUBLE-CROSSING YOU?

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

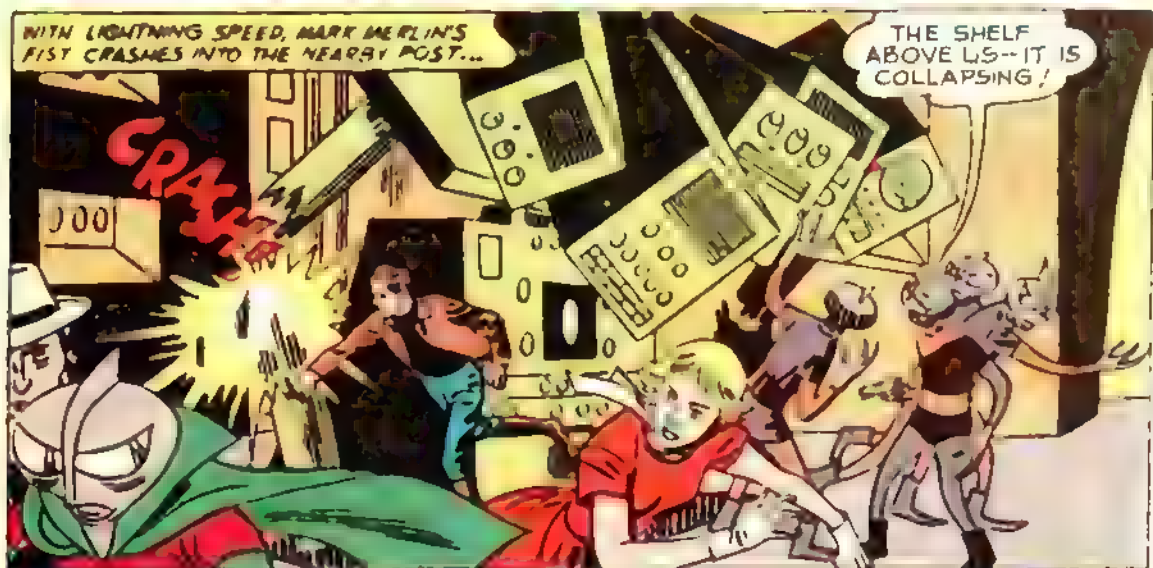
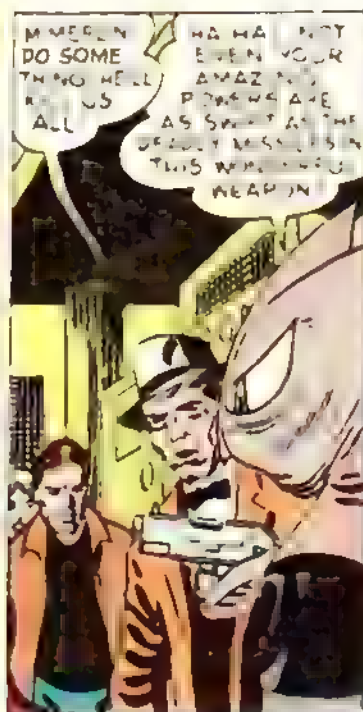


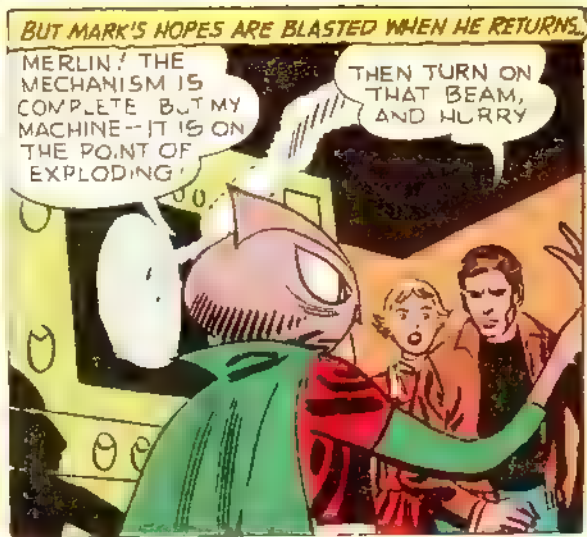
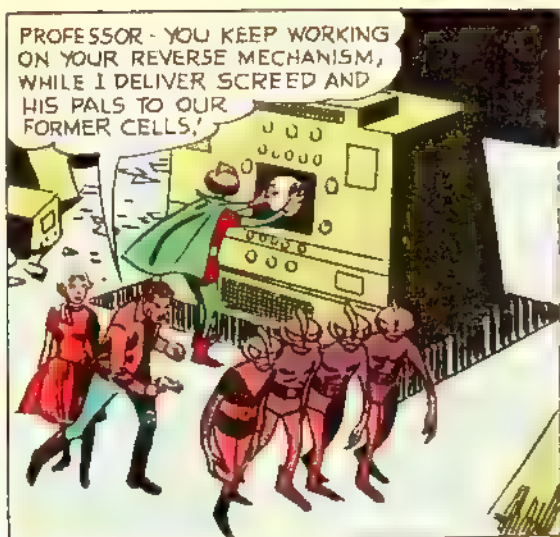
SCREED HAD NO INTENTION OF EVER HELPING YOU IN OUR DIMENSION-- BECAUSE HE KNEW ALL ALONG THAT THE PROFESSOR NEVER PERFECTED THE RETURN MECHANISM!

SCREED-- IS THAT TRUE?



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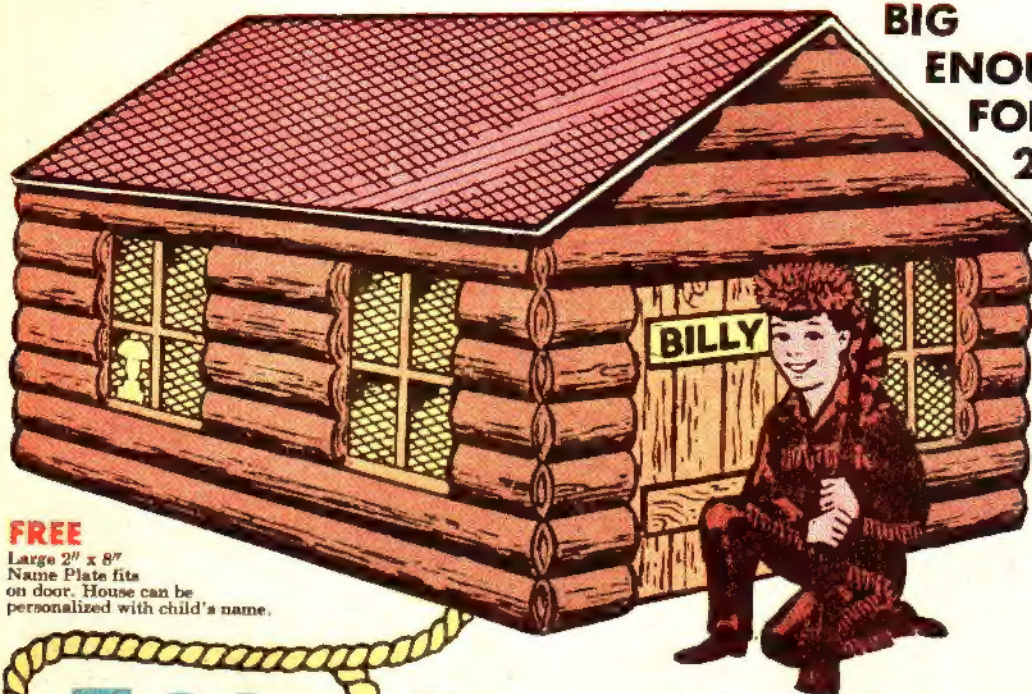




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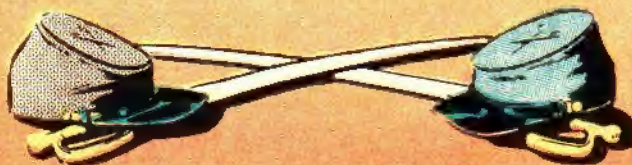
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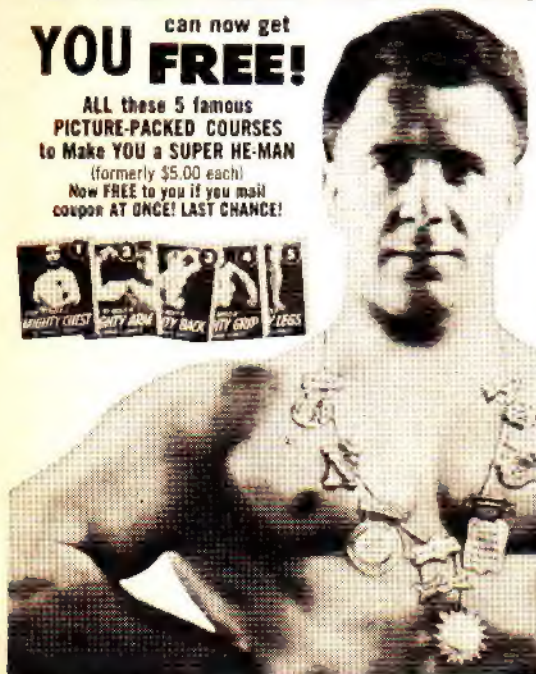
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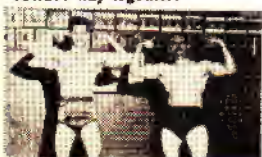
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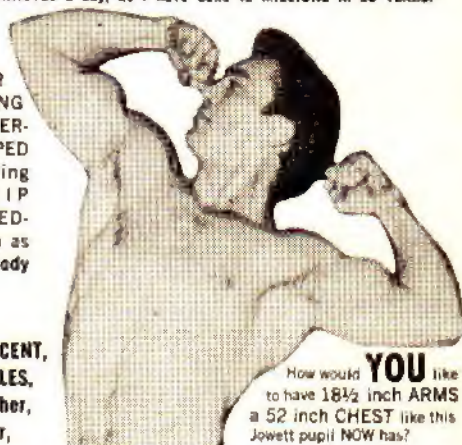
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SECURITY OF YOUR OWN ROOM at home, MY RAPID-
FIRE, EASY as ABC FAMOUS PICTURE METHODS
will start building you THE VERY FIRST NIGHT. I'll
show you How to Mold 16 INCH ARMS of MIGHT,
a big, deep 45 INCH CHEST housing TIRELESS
LUNGS, WIDE MANLY SHOULDERS — a BROAD
BRAWNY BACK, tapering to a SLENDER WAIST with
punch-proof STOMACH MUSCLES, LEGS of RUN-
NING POWER.

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JOWETT ALL-MALE HE-MEN".**

WOMEN! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are
now. If you're in your teens, twenties, thirties or
forties, I'll show you in just 10 thrilling minutes
in your home, how you can make yourself over by
the easy, quick method I turned myself from
wreck to WORLD CHAMPION and turned MILLIONS
of others into all-male he-men!

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your ARMS, deepen your CHEST, broaden your
BACK and SHOULDERS, from HEAD to HEELS
you'll gain SIZE, POWER, LIGHTNING SPEED
ENDURANCE. You'll become a SUCCESSFUL HE-
MAN in LOOKS and ACTS — a WINNER in EVERY-
THING — athletics, business, studies.



"I'm
proud
of you
now,
Tony!"

Fascinating

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coupon
this
JOWETT
pupil was
this
90 lb.
skeleton.
Gained
70 lbs.
Made
football
team.

You wouldn't
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a tumble
before
I gained
28 JOWETT
lbs.

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☐ I want to streamline my body, get rid of flabby fat.

☐ I want to add inches of muscle to my ☐ ARMS ☐ CHEST

☐ SHOULDERS ☐ POWERFUL LEGS ☐ SLIM WAIST

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